

Spain in Great Measure prohibited so that very many honest and  
 Industrious planters her Majesties subjects hereby the very charge  
 of necessary Cloathing and tools for themselves and families are  
 become vastly Indebted and no prospect as yet appearing of any means  
 whereby they may Extricate themselves out of their Miserable  
 and deplorable Circumstances which are <sup>very much</sup> heightened, aggravated, by  
 their ~~being~~ being sued, and brought to Annsettles from the remote  
 parts of this province to their Manifest Oppression and Improc-  
 rishment so that many of the good Inhabitants of this province daily  
 desert their habitations and remove themselves to plantations and  
 Colonies where they are far less Serviceable to her Sacred Majesty and  
 her revenue of Customs of Tobacco which calls for some speedy  
 and proper remedy to be applyed thereto Wherefore this present  
 Generall Assembly humbly supplicate her most Sacred Majesty that  
 it may be Enacted.

And be it Enacted by the Quons most Exce-  
 lent Majesty and with the advice and Consent of her Maj-  
 esties Governour Councile and and Assembly of this province and  
 the authority of the same that from & After the End of this present  
 Session of Assembly all persons whatsoever residing, negotia-  
 ting or trading to or within this province having any personal  
 Claims or demand against any the Inhabitants of this province  
 wherein the Originall Debt or damages do not exceed the value  
 of twenty pounds Sterling or five Thousand pounds of Tobacco  
 shall by virtue of this act be Obliged to sue and Implead  
 their severall and respective Debtors in the severall and res-  
 pective County Courts where such their debtors Inhabitants  
 Reside and not Else where on penalty of suffering a nonsuit  
 and paying the Defondant his reasonable Charges to be adju-  
 -ged by the Justices of any other Court where in they shall sue  
 and Implead any Law Statute usage or Custome to the Con-  
 -trary Notwithstanding.

And be it Further Enacted by the Autho-  
 -rity aforesaid by and with the advice and Consent aforesaid that  
 where any debt or Damages is demanded by virtue of any bond or  
 writings Obligatory the penalty of such bond shall not, though  
 it exceed twenty pounds in money or five thousand pounds  
 of Tobacco Entitled any plantiffe to bring his action in any  
 Court but the County Court unless the reale sume in the  
 Condition of such bond ~~be~~ amount to twenty pounds  
 or five Thousand pounds of Tobacco any thing in this Act or  
 any other Statute Law Custom or usage to the Contrary  
 Notwithstanding. Provided always that Nothing in this  
 Act